

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-18 are pending in the application and the same are rejected.

The Examiner states that the information disclosure statement filed December 5, 2003 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a), asserting that 37 CFR 1.98(a) requires a legible English copy of each U.S. and foreign patent. The Examiner has required Applicants to submit an English translation of Document 1L (JP 11346216) or submit a new information disclosure statement omitting Document 1L, if consideration of the information disclosure statement is requested. (Examiner's Action, page 2, ¶ 2).

Applicants respectfully disagree that an English translation of Document 1L is required.

37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) requires a legible copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, but does not require that the legible copy be in English. 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(ii) a copy of a written English-language translation of a non-English-language document, or portion thereof, only if such a translation is within the possession, custody, or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in §1.56(c). 37 CFR 1.98(a) does not require a legible English copy of every foreign patent. Therefore, the Examiner should not require Applicants to submit an English translation of Document 1L (JP 11346216) or submit a new information disclosure statement omitting Document 1L, if consideration of the information disclosure statement is requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Franklin et al., U.S. Publication No. US 2001/0023440 A1. (Examiner's Action, page 3, ¶ 3).

Applicants respectfully disagree.

Franklin discloses that the proximity attribute 152 may reflect a spatial position, logical position, or geographical identifier for identifying a proximity of an application object 100 with respect to a coordinate system. (Franklin, page 4,

paragraph [0054]). Although Franklin allows that a coordinate system may be used along with the proximity attribute 152, Franklin clearly does not disclose that the coordinate system is included in the proximity attribute 152. Furthermore, it is not inherent that Franklin includes the coordinate system in the proximity attribute, or elsewhere. The coordinate system may be a known coordinate system, universally applied. A known coordinate system need not be included in the proximity attribute as it would be supplying unneeded information. Therefore, not only does Franklin not disclose the proximity attribute including a coordinate system, but Franklin also does not suggest the proximity attribute including a coordinate system.

In contrast, Applicant's independent claims 1, 8, and 15 include wording that a global resource locator (GRL) tag is assigned to a resource, the GRL tag includes at least a description of the physical location of the resource, and the description of the physical location including a coordinate system and coordinates for the resource. Franklin does not disclose any structure that includes a coordinate system and coordinates for a resource.

In view of Applicant's arguments with respect to independent claims 1, 8, and 15 being allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining dependent claims are also allowable because they contain all of the limitations of their respective independent claims and further add structural and functional limitations.

The foregoing arguments are believed to be a complete response to the most recent Examiner's Action.

No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that there is no claim, teaching, motivation, or suggestion in any of the cited art, alone or in combination, to produce what Applicant claims.

It is further submitted that the application defines patentable subject matter and that the claims are in a condition for allowance. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain which would preclude the prompt disposition of this case, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone.

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